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DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply filed on 18 January 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): (1) While Examiner acknowledges the voluntary withdrawing of claims 24-29 and 32-45, Applicant still has not indicated which claims read on the elected species; and (2) Applicant has added new claims without indicating on which species the new claims read, as clearly required in the Restriction Requirement filed 24 November 2004.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

While Applicant opines that new claim 46 is believed to be generic, it is not. Note that subcombinations are **not** generic to the combination using the subcombination. (See MPEP **806.04(c)**.) Accordingly, the addition of steps or features (as indicated by language such as “further comprising” in a dependent claim, for example) creates a subcombination-combination relationship, preventing the independent claim from being generic. Note further that for a claim to be generic it should recite all features (further defined by the dependent claims) in generic form. (See MPEP **806.04(d)**.)

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erik Kielin whose telephone number is 571-272-1693. The examiner can normally be reached from 9:00 - 19:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Whitehead, Jr. can be reached on 571-272-1702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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